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Chairman-Designate, NICSubject: Senior Review Panel Comments on NFAC
Production Plans

1. Although the Panel's limited resources have precluded any thorough analysis, we nevertheless have made a general review of NIO and Office Director production plans from an overall perspective. In addition, we have reviewed an excellent report on NFAC's interoffice research effort on Soviet defense policies and forces in the 1980s, developed under OSR's lead. Research projects undertaken for the production offices under external contract were apparently not included in the production plans submitted and therefore were not reviewed.

2. NFAC Objectives Most of the Offices submitted with their research and study programs a list of their major research objectives. As guidance for overall longer-range planning purposes, however, a list of major NFAC research and study objectives should be developed as the basis of NFAC's total production program. Such a list should indicate not only those areas/topics requiring special attention over the shorter term (the next year or so), but also those areas/topics of more enduring important interest to the United States over the long haul.

3. Coverage of Areas/Topics

a. General Assuming that the office program represents intended commitments, supportable by available resources, rather than wish lists, the total coverage (NIOs, Offices, etc.) seems quite comprehensive and, for the most part, adequate. More specific comments are made below.

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